1988-89
Legislative Assembly
Estimates

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INTRODUCTION

The Legislative Assembly Estimates present to the Legislative Assembly expenditure proposals for the 1988-89 fiscal year. The Legislative Assembly will be asked to appropriate sums from the General Revenue Fund to each vote under section 2 of the Appropriation Act, 1988.

For the information of the Legislative Assembly, details of each vote are provided at the element level and by object of expenditure.

SYMBOLS

The following symbols are used throughout this publication:

- - **amount too small (large) to be expressed**

— **nil or zero.**

1988-89 Details of Legislative Assembly Estimates

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE

VOTE		1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Comparable 1986-87 Actual
		$	%	$	$
1	Support to the Legislative Assembly	15,828,149	- -	15,835,843	15,053,135
2	Office of the Auditor General.....	10,161,546	(2.1)	10,379,562	9,862,812
3	Office of the Ombudsman.....	1,120,800	25.1	896,200	818,996
4	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	4,268,227	445.6	782,300	3,775,006
	Amount to be voted	31,378,722	12.5	27,893,905	29,509,949

SUMMARY BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

TOTAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates		Comparable 1987-88 Estimates
$	%		$
		Statutory Salaries and Benefits	
229,551	2.0		225,076
		Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	
12,699,348	(0.7)		12,783,031
		Supplies and Services	
13,559,953	35.6		9,999,585
		Grants	
19,500	(75.8)		80,700
		Purchase of Fixed Assets	
381,602	(5.2)		402,585
		Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly	
4,488,768	1.9		4,402,928
		Total Legislative Assembly	
31,378,722	12.5		27,893,905
30,997,120	12.8	Operating	27,491,320
381,602	(5.2)	Capital	402,585

SUMMARY OF MANPOWER AUTHORIZATION

TOTAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

1988-89 Estimates		Comparable 1987-88 Estimates
319.4	Full-Time Equivalent Employment	326.9
253	Permanent Full-Time Positions	256

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

AUTHORITY:

Legislative Assembly Act.

Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Resolutions of the Assembly.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances and living expenses to Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the Legislative Assembly Act.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' Constituency Offices.

Provides for payment of pension premiums, disability benefits and health insurance premiums and benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Provides special research services.

Provides funds for the operation of committees of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, Public Service and general public.

Provides for publication of Alberta Hansard.

VOTE 1 — SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY BY ELEMENT

Reference No.	1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Element	Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Comparable 1986-87 Actual
	$	%		$	$
1.0.1	482,781	0.5	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	480,582	428,848
1.0.2	909,423	9.1	HOUSE SERVICES	833,726	905,077
1.0.3	5,388,093	(0.2)	MLA ADMINISTRATION	5,397,133	4,741,491
1.0.4	4,488,768	1.9	MEMBERS' INDEMNITIES AND ALLOWANCES	4,402,928	3,900,970
1.0.5	294,380	(4.3)	SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER—OFFICE SERVICES	307,521	248,602
1.0.6	1,120,000	—	GOVERNMENT MEMBERS' SERVICES	1,120,000	1,291,411
1.0.7	783,272	—	OFFICIAL OPPOSITION SERVICES	783,272	876,672
1.0.8	320,880	—	LIBERAL OPPOSITION SERVICES	320,880	339,858
1.0.9	181,696	—	REPRESENTATIVE OPPOSITION SERVICES	181,696	230,395
1.0.10	206,560	(1.4)	LEGISLATURE COMMITTEES	209,503	123,020
1.0.11	105,365	(18.2)	LEGISLATIVE INTERNS	128,851	167,180
1.0.12	651,543	- -	HANSARD	651,552	736,451
1.0.13	895,388	(12.1)	LEGISLATURE LIBRARY	1,018,199	1,063,160
	AMOUNT TO BE VOTED 15,828,149	- -	TOTAL SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	15,835,843	15,053,135
Operating	15,616,477	(0.4)		15,684,908	14,481,214
Capital	211,672	40.2		150,935	571,921

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VOTE 1 — SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates		Comparable 1987-88 Estimates
$	%		$
229,551	2.0	Statutory Salaries and Benefits	225,076
4,267,479	(2.2)	Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	4,363,337
6,611,179	(0.9)	Supplies and Services	6,674,067
19,500	—	Grants	19,500
211,672	40.2	Purchase of Fixed Assets	150,935
4,488,768	1.9	Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly	4,402,928
15,828,149	--	Total Support to the Legislative Assembly	15,835,843

SUMMARY OF MANPOWER AUTHORIZATION

119.1	Full-Time Equivalent Employment	122.1
47	Permanent Full-Time Positions	51

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

AUTHORITY:

Auditor General Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To conduct professional, independent audits and express opinions as required by section 18 of the Auditor General Act and other statutes, on the financial statements of the Crown including departments, regulated funds, revolving funds, provincial agencies and other organizations or bodies of which the Auditor General is auditor. After the end of the fiscal year of the Crown, to report to the Legislative Assembly on the work of the Office of the Auditor General, and on matters which were observed during the course of that work, as required by section 19 of the Auditor General Act. To undertake special auditing or investigative assignments as may be specified by the Legislative Assembly and also, under certain conditions, as specified by the Executive Council.

VOTE 2 — OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

SUMMARY BY ELEMENT

Reference No.	1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Element	Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Comparable 1986-87 Actual
	$	%		$	$
2.0.1			OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL		
	10,161,546	(2.1)		10,379,562	9,862,812
	AMOUNT TO BE VOTED		TOTAL OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL		
	10,161,546	(2.1)		10,379,562	9,862,812
Operating	10,003,116	(1.3)		10,139,912	9,230,562
Capital	158,430	(33.9)		239,650	632,250

SUMMARY BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates		Comparable 1987-88 Estimates
$	%		$
		Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	
7,250,332	(2.0)		7,402,004
		Supplies and Services	
2,752,784	2.8		2,676,708
		Grants	
—	(100.0)		61,200
		Purchase of Fixed Assets	
158,430	(33.9)		239,650
		Total Office of the Auditor General	
10,161,546	(2.1)		10,379,562

SUMMARY OF MANPOWER AUTHORIZATION

174.0	Full-Time Equivalent Employment	180.0
181	Permanent Full-Time Positions	181

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

AUTHORITY:

Ombudsman Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide an impartial investigation on behalf of any person who feels he has suffered an injustice through the actions of departments, agencies or officials of the Government of Alberta, and to recommend corrective action if the complaint is justified.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Investigation of complaints concerning the actions of departments, agencies or officials of the Government of Alberta, at no cost to the individual requesting this service. Disposition of complaints by explaining action of Government to the complainant, if the complaint is not justified, or by recommendation for corrective action if the complaint is supported.

VOTE 3 — OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

SUMMARY BY ELEMENT

Reference No.	1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Element	Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Comparable 1986-87 Actual
	$	%		$	$
3.0.1	969,310	28.5	EDMONTON OFFICE	754,500	709,451
3.0.2	151,490	6.9	CALGARY OFFICE	141,700	109,545
	AMOUNT TO BE VOTED 1,120,800	25.1	TOTAL OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	896,200	818,996
Operating	1,116,800	25.2		892,200	810,014
Capital	4,000	—		4,000	8,982

SUMMARY BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates		Comparable 1987-88 Estimates
$	%		$
826,500	21.5	Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	680,400
290,300	37.1	Supplies and Services	211,800
—	—	Grants	—
4,000	—	Purchase of Fixed Assets	4,000
1,120,800	25.1	Total Office of the Ombudsman	896,200

SUMMARY OF MANPOWER AUTHORIZATION

17.3	Full-Time Equivalent Employment	16.3
17	Permanent Full-Time Positions	16

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

AUTHORITY:

Election Act.

Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

Electoral Boundaries Commission Act.

Electoral Divisions Act.

OBJECTIVE:

To provide the necessary administrative, logistic and financial support for general and special enumerations, general elections, by-elections and plebiscites in support of the Election Act and to the Electoral Boundaries Commission. To monitor the financial activities of the registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Provides for enumerations, elections, by-elections and plebiscites. Communication and liaison with executive officers of registered parties, constituency associations, and candidates and their campaign officials pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant acts.

The Chief Electoral Officer is a member of the Electoral Boundaries Commission.

VOTE 4 — OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

SUMMARY BY ELEMENT

Reference No.	1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Element	Comparable 1987-88 Estimates	Comparable 1986-87 Actual
	$	%		$	$
4.0.1	381,757	(0.1)	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	382,300	349,607
4.0.2	100,000	—	ELECTIONS	100,000	3,393,630
4.0.3	3,786,470	- -	ENUMERATIONS	300,000	31,769
	AMOUNT TO BE VOTED 4,268,227	445.6	TOTAL OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER	782,300	3,775,006
Operating	4,260,727	450.3		774,300	3,771,193
Capital	7,500	(6.3)		8,000	3,813

SUMMARY BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

1988-89 Estimates	% Change From Comparable 1987-88 Estimates		Comparable 1987-88 Estimates
$	%		$
355,037	5.3	Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits	337,290
3,905,690	- -	Supplies and Services	437,010
—	—	Grants	—
7,500	(6.3)	Purchase of Fixed Assets	8,000
4,268,227	445.6	Total Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	782,300

SUMMARY OF MANPOWER AUTHORIZATION

9.0	Full-Time Equivalent Employment	8.5
8	Permanent Full-Time Positions	8

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1988

VOTE / DESCRIPTION OF SPECIAL WARRANT	Amount $
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
In accordance with section 21 of the Legislative Assembly Act	
1 SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	
To provide funds for (a) an electronic data processing pilot project for Members of the Legislative Assembly, (b) the reprint of the report of the Special Committee on Upper House Reform, (c) the expenses of the Special Committee on Privileges and Elections and the Special Committee for Ombudsman Selection and (d) miscellaneous manpower increases	156,607
TOTAL VOTE 1	156,607
In accordance with section 10.1 of the Ombudsman Act	
3 OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN	
To provide funds for the Ombudsman's investigation of provincial regulatory processes and their administration, as they relate to the financial collapse of the Principal Group of Companies	200,000
TOTAL VOTE 3	200,000
Amount to be voted under section 1 of the Appropriation Act, 1988 (Legislative Assembly Estimates)	356,607

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED
ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE
For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989

Vote			Estimates
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY			
1	Support to the Legislative Assembly	$	15,828,149
2	Office of the Auditor General		10,161,546
3	Office of the Ombudsman		1,120,800
4	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer		4,268,227
Amount to be voted under section 2 of the Appropriation Act, 1988 (Legislative Assembly Estimates)		$	31,378,722